

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2600 – HB 3678**

January 29, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the “Water Before Coal Act.” Prohibits the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation from issuing a permit for surface coal mining unless the mining activity would not diminish the state’s water resources.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**MINIMAL**

Assumptions:

- No fiscal impact on state government.
- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, coal mining permits in Tennessee are issued by the Federal Office of Surface Mining.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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